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Radioactive Coal

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1. The mining of radioactive coal in Object 96 of the Soviet-German Company Wismut (AG Wismut) in the Dresden area, stopped in November 1954, and the rest of the German staff of the Schacht Kombinat, except a maintenance staff of some 60-80, has been transferred elsewhere in the Wismut organization. Schacht 269 might be reopened, but mining equipment and light railway equipment from all the other shafts was being dismantled and moved to other Objects.

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2. The former chief of the Schacht Kombinat, E.K. Kuznetsov, has left East Germany and returned to Rostov-on-Don in the USSR.
3. The pit heaps of coal already mined continue to smolder, and ash is still being fed into the concentration plant of the Object at Dresden-Gittersee where it is processed, mixed with ore from other Objects in the ratio of two parts of ore to one of coal.

Ore Concentration Plant at Gittersee

4. By early December 1954, a second boiler house had been constructed in this concentration plant, because the previous facilities were inadequate.
5. A complete new Zeche is in progress of construction in the plant, and will be completed by February 1955.

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7. A German

recently asked a senior Russian official about the prospects of obtaining a post in the concentration plant. The Russian suggested that the German not endanger his health for the extra 200-odd eastmarks he would earn in the month.

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